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Louisiana Board of Ethics
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Re: 30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report – November 3, 2020 Election
Docket ID: 2021 – 430
Board Result: Decline Waiver

Dear Mr. Reeves:

This communication comes as a request to reconsider the Board's decision not to waive the \$400 late fee assessed against me for failing to timely file the 30- P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report.

La. R.S. 18:1482 entitled "Disclosure reports; persons required to file" sets forth the purpose for Election Campaign Finance:

The legislature recognizes that the effectiveness of representative government is dependent upon a knowledgeable electorate and the confidence of the electorate in their elected public officials. The legislature, therefore, enacts this Chapter to provide **public disclosure of the financing of election campaigns** and to regulate certain campaign practices. (emphasis added).

La. R.S. 18:1484 provides the following:

Except as otherwise specifically provided, the following persons or their campaign treasurers, if any, shall file **reports of contributions and expenditures** as more specifically provided in this Chapter:

- (1) Each candidate for major office or district office.
- (2) Each candidate for any other public office who does either of the following:
 - (a) Makes expenditures in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars.
 - (b) Receives a contribution in excess of two hundred dollars in the aggregate during the aggregating period. For purposes of this Paragraph only, a contribution by a candidate for his own campaign for a public office other than a major office or district office shall not be considered in determining whether the candidate has received a contribution in excess of two hundred dollars in the aggregate.
- (3) Each political committee.
- (4) Any person other than a candidate or political committee required to file reports under the provisions of Part IV of this Chapter. (emphasis added).

I really thought I filed all the necessary reports. However, if you look at the purpose of the above quoted statutes, there would be no reason to file a 30-P report when there have been no

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contributions are expenditures. Even if you disagree with my interpretation, I subsequently filed the report which showed no contributions are expenditures and I again respectfully request you waive the \$400 late fee. There was no intention on my part not to comply with the spirit of any Campaign Finance requirements. Considering the totality of the circumstances surrounding this matter, no harm was done.

Thanking you in advance for your reconsideration of your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler J. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tyler J. Turner